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Re: STB Docket No. AB-1000 (Sub-No. 1X), Georgia Southwestern
Railroad, Inc. – Abandonment Exemption – In Harris and Meriwether
Counties, Georgia

Dear Ms. Rutson:

On June 26, 2007, we forwarded to you the Environmental Report and Historic Report in the above-captioned matter. Attached please find ten (10) copies of the additional response we received from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Sincerely,



Karl Morell

Enclosure

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Noel Holcomb, Commissioner

Historic Preservation Division

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RE: **Abandon 43-Miles of Railroad, R-12.0 to R-55.0, Florida Rock to Allie
Harris and Meriwether Counties, Georgia
HP-070518-006**

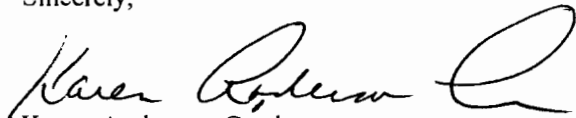
Dear Mr. Morell:

The Historic Preservation Division (HPD) has received the information submitted regarding the above referenced project. Our comments are offered to assist the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in complying with the provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

Thank you for submitting the Historic Report regarding the proposed railroad abandonment. Based on the information provided in this report, it appears that the conditions HPD proposed for a no adverse effect determination in the June 18, 2007 letter will be met. Specifically, it appears that the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible rail bed and bridges will remain intact. Therefore, HPD believes the proposed project will have **no adverse effect** on the eligible rail bed and bridges, as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.5(d)(1). Please note that historic and/or archaeological resources may be located within the project's area of potential effect (APE), however, at this time it has been determined that they will not be impacted by the above-referenced project. Furthermore, any changes to this project as proposed (including possible trail development along the railway corridor) will require further review by our office for compliance with Section 106.

Please refer to project number **HP-070518-006** in future correspondence regarding this undertaking. If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Shirk, Environmental Review Coordinator, at (404) 651-6624, or Jackie Horlbeck, Environmental Review Historian, at (404) 651-6777.

Sincerely,



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